

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, amended (H. Rept. 105-450). **Page H1235**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hobson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1169**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 16 by a ye and nay vote of 359 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 54. **Pages H1173, H1207**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1173**

Electing Speaker Pro Tempore: The House agreed to H. Res. 386, electing the Honorable Richard K. Armey of Texas to act as Speaker pro tempore during the absence of the Speaker. **Page H1173**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

OSHA Compliance Assistance Authorization Act: H.R. 2864, amended, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements; **Pages H1176-77**

OSHA Act of 1970 Amendment: H.R. 2877, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; **Pages H1177-79**

National Race for the Cure: H. Con. Res. 238, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure; **Pages H1179-81**

Human Rights in China: H. Res. 364, amended, urging the introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 54); **Pages H1181-92, H1208-09**

Democracy in Botswana: H. Res. 373, commending democracy in Botswana; and **Pages H1192-93**

Elections in Cambodia: H. Res. 361, amended, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 393 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 55). **Pages H1193-96, H1209-10**

Suspensions—Votes Postponed: The House completed debate and postponed votes until Wednesday, March 18 on the following suspensions:

Human Rights in Northern Ireland: The House completed general debate on H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding

Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; and **Pages H1196-H1201**

Repression in Kosova: H. Con. Res. 235, amended, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosova. **Pages H1201-06**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Lois Capps presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by Speaker pro tempore Armey. **Pages H1207-08**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1207, H1208-09, and H1209-10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Pearlle S. Reed, Chief, Lawrence E. Clark, Deputy Chief, Programs, and Fee Busby, Deputy Chief, Science and Technology, all with the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Smithsonian and on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Hayman, Chairman, Smithsonian Institution; and Patrick Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Dental Research, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the National Center for Research Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Harold Slavkin, M.D., Director, National Institute of Dental Research; Stephen I. Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Natural Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command/U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SELF AUDITS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: Environmental Self Audits. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Steven A. Herman, Associate Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA; Gale A. Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; David Ronald, Assistant Attorney General, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

WIC PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Testimony was heard from Robert Robinson, Director, Issues Area, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Federal Employee Health Benefits: OPM Program Guidance for 1999. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, approved for full Committee action, amended, the following bills: H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; and H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3310. Testimony was heard from Emily Sheketoff, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Joseph Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Brian J. Lane, Director, Division of Corporate Finance, SEC; and Neil Eisner, Assistant General Counsel, Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation.

AFRICA—PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC VISIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing to preview the President's Historic Visit to Africa. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State.

IRAN MISSILE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on National Security: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2786, Iran Missile Protection Act of 1997.

**GENDER-INTEGRATED TRAINING—
FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FINDINGS**

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the findings of the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues and Department of Defense response. Testimony was heard from Nancy Kassebaum Baker, Chairman, Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); Gen. William W. Couch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Gen. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant

Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1833, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997; and H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Michael E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen V. Quesenberry, Director, Litigation, Indian Legal Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

FOREST SERVICE'S ROADLESS AREA POLICY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 3297, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determination that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health and an oversight hearing on follow up on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. The rule further permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Bereuter.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COMMERCIALIZATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Ray Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Ramstad; Susan Daniels, Associate Commissioner of Disability, SSA; and public witnesses.

CIA OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on National Guard programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on the implementation of provisions of the Management Reform Act of 1997 relating to the revitalization of the District of Columbia (P.L. 105-34), 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Labor, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Service safety programs, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Thrift Supervision's Year 2000 preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to resume markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Wall Street view on the Telecommunications Act (P.L. 104-104), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the role of the International